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	<p style="text-align: center;">SECRET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY Office of Legislative Liaison Washington, D. C. 20505</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3 December 1984</p>
	<p>TO: Mr. Charles Andrae Select Committee on Intelligence United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510</p> <p>Dear Chip:</p> <p>Re: "Plum Book"</p> <p>The enclosed is for your information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Liaison Division</p> <p>Enclosure</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SECRET</p>

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The Honorable
William V. Roth, Jr.,
Chairman, Committee on Governmental Affairs,
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